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SUBJ: GENERAL STRIKE UNEVENTFUL

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1. (U) GENERAL STRIKE AUGUST 28 WAS PEACEFUL AND MORE WIDELY-OBSERVED THAN ONLY OTHER GENERAL STRIKE IN RECENT MEMORY, THAT OF 1971, AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE WITHOUT AID OF NEWSPAPERS, WHICH ALSO STRUCK. ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF TAXIS OPERATED BUT BANKS, ALL BUT SMALLEST RETAILERS, FACTORIES AND MOST OFFICES CLOSED, AT LEAST TO PUBLIC. RESTAURANTS REMAINED CLOSED UNTIL EVENING, SOMETIMES AT UNION URGING. AIRPORT OBSERVED TOKEN ONE-HOUR GROUND STOPPAGE 1200-1300, WHEN THERE NO TRAFFIC.

2. (LOU) LABOR SOURCE ATTRIBUTES CALM TO LATE DECISION
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HE SAID COMMUNISTS IN PARTICULAR HOPING TO INCITE VIOLENCE BUT GOVERNMENT, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERS ENDORSED STRIKE. MOST BUSINESS SHUTDOWNS VOLUNTARY.

3. (LOU) ALTHOUGH STRIKE WAS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL IN HIGHLIGHTING GENERAL PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION OVER RISING COST OF LIVING, THAT PROBLEM SHOWS NO SIGNS OF ABATING IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND IS LIKELY BECOME MAJOR POLITICAL FOOTBALL FOR GOL'S DOMESTIC OPPONENTS. BUFFUM

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